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A CONFERENCE WITH TONGUES

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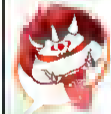

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I WON'T TROUBLE YOU, I'LL JUST USE THIS AS AN EXCHANGE
THEN, CAN I GO NOW?
WOOSH
AREN'T YOU HERE TO ASK ME A QUESTION? I CAN'T JUST TAKE YOUR RADISH, PLUS I'M ALSO TAKING SOME OF YOUR BLOOD. THIS MEANS THAT I CAN HELP YOU UP TO THREE TIMES.

ARE YOU MISTER YI XIU?
WHO ELSE CAN I BE.
YOU LIKE RADISHES?
HEY, DID YOU COME HERE TO ASK ME THESE KIND OF QUESTIONS?
HUH? NO NO NO, OF COURSE NOT.
I WANT TO GO TO YA MOUNTAIN TO GET STRONGER, BUT I KNOW THAT YA MOUNTAIN DOESN'T ACCEPT GIRL APPRENTICES, AND I CAN'T FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GO UP THE MOUNTAIN. DO YOU KNOW WHAT I CAN DO?

WHOOSH
DON'T BOTHER GOING. IF YOU HAD GONE EARLIER, YOU MIGHT'VE BEEN ABLE TO CONVINCE THEM. BUT NOW, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND A TEACHER ON YA MOUNTAIN.
HUH? WHY? I-I KNOW IT'S VERY HARD, BUT I STILL WANT TO TRY.
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO GO TO YA MOUNTAIN TO GROW STRONGER?
IT WAS SOMETHING THAT MY FATHER TOLD ME TO DO BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY, I MUST DO IT.
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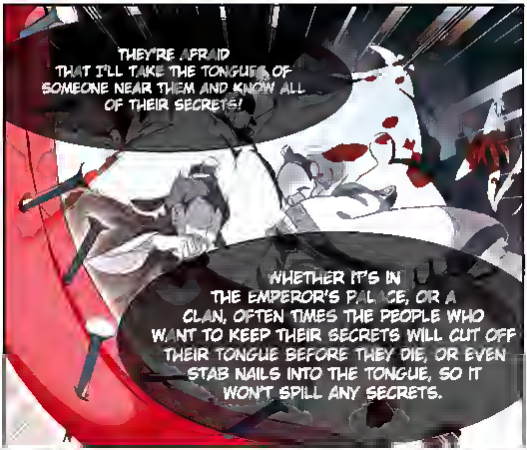
THIS IS CALLED A SKY WATER DROP. IT WAS MADE FROM THE TEARS OF A PHOENIX. IT CAN HELP CONCEAL YOUR SCENT SO YOU WON'T BE CHASED AROUND BY THE DEMONS. MOST BARRIERS WILL ALSO LET YOU THROUGH. IF I PUT IT ON YOU, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENTER YA MOUNTAIN.
BUT I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
IT'S ALRIGHT, YOU'LL ONLY KNOW IF YOU TRY. THANK YOU!
THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME KID, THERE'S NOT MUCH THAT'S FREE IN THIS WORLD. IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE PRICE YOU CAN PAY.
THOSE RADISHES, IS THE PRICE I ASK FOR.

AS FOR YOU, ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW WHETHER IT'S THE TRUTH OR NEWS, I'LL ANSWER IT FOR YOU, FAIR ENOUGH?
YEAH, YEAH, CAN YOU TELL ME HOW LONG I'LL LIVE, WHO MY FUTURE SPOUSE WILL BE, AND SO ON?
I'M NOT A FORTUNE-TELLER...
ALTHOUGH I KNOW EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED AND THE TRUTHS OF MANY THINGS THAT ARE HAPENING, I CANNOT PREDIC THE FUTURE, NOR CAN I FORESEE WHAT IS IN ONE'S HEART.
ALWAYS REMEMBER, DON'T TRUST FATE, THE FUTURE SHOULD BE IN YOUR OWN GRASP.
THEN HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MANY THINGS?

SEE ALL THE TONGES HANGING FROM THE CEILING? MY HOBBY IS TO COLLECT TONGUES.
THERE ARE A LOT OF TONGUES HERE. SOME ARE FROM THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO. THE MOST RECENT TONGUES ARE HERE TOO. TONGUES OF MEN AND WOMEN, TONGUES OF THE EMPERORS AND PEASANTS...
WHAT TRUTH DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? THE TONGUES WILL TELL YOU. THE MORE TONGUES YOU COLLECT FROM PEOPLE, THE MORE KNOWLEDGE AND SECRETS YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GATHER.
CAN THE TONGUES TALKS?

OF COURSE THEY CAN. THEY CAN SING TOO. COME HERE, I'LL MAKE THIS ONE SING FOR YOU.
AH!

THEY'LL KNOW EVERYTHING THEY'VE GONE THROUGH OR SEEN IN THEIR LIVES. IF NONE OF THEM KNOWS, THEY'LL DISCUSS IT AMONGST HIMSELVES AND COME UP WITH THE BEST SOLUTION.
DO YOU KNOW WHY EVERYONE IS SCARED OF YI XIU?
ALL OF THEM HAVING A DISCUSSION? THAT'S A LOT...
WHY?

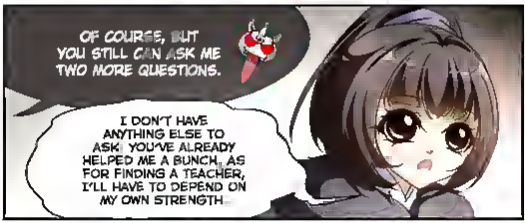

THEY'RE AFRAID THAT I'LL TAKE THE TONGUES OF SOMEONE NEAR THEM AND KNOW ALL OF THEIR SECRETS!
WHETHER IT'S IN THE EMPEROR'S PALACE, OR A CLAN, OFTEN TIMES THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KEEP THEIR SECRETS WILL CUT OFF THEIR TONGUE BEFORE THEY DIE, OR EVEN STAB NAILS INTO THE TONGUE, SO IT WON'T SPILL ANY SECRETS.

THEN DO YOU JUST STEAL THEIR TONGUES!
IT'S NOT AS EASY AS THAT. I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, EVERYTHING COMES WITH A PRICE.
SO, YOU HAVE TO SCHEDULE AHEAD OF TIME. TO MAKE A DEAL TO GIVE THEIR TONGUES TO YI XIU SO THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT WHEN THEY ARE DEAD AND GONE.
FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ALIVE, THEIR TONGUES ARE UNDER THEIR CONTROL, UNLIKE DEAD PEOPLE.

SO SCARY, LUCKILY...

SWEETIE, STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE.
WHY?
THE COLOR LOOKS LOVELY. HOW ABOUT YOU MAKE A DEAL WITH ME, I'LL TELL YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT?
NO!
I WON'T! EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN SECRETS, WHICH THEY SHOULD. CUTTING OTHER PEOPLE'S TONGUE ISN'T RIGHT.
HAHA, CHILD, YOU ARE SO CUTE. YOUR TONGUE IS EVEN CUTER. HOWEVER...

AS LONG AS I TOUCH YOUR TONGUE, I CAN CONTROL EVERYTHING YOU SAY FOR A SHORT WHILE!
I'M NOT LETTING YOU TOUCH MY TONGUE!
C-C-CAN I LEAVE NOW?


OF COURSE, BUT YOU STILL CAN ASK ME TWO MORE QUESTIONS.
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO ASK. YOU'VE ALREADY HELPED ME A BUNCH. AS FOR FINDING A TEACHER, I'LL HAVE TO DEPEND ON MY OWN STRENGTH...

YI JIU DOESN'T LIKE OWING PEOPLE THINGS, BUT YOU CAN LEAVE FOR NOW.
YOU CAN COME BACK ANYTIME YOU LIKE.

STEP
STEP
STEP
UH, COULD YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET OUT?
JUST KEEP GOING TO YOUR LEFT AND YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET OUT.
OH, THANKS.
ALRIGHT, THAT FORCED THANKS CAN BE THE PRICE FOR ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS.
THIS PERSON REALLY LIKES TO KEEP TRACK OF PAID AND UNPAID

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